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Walk to School Day Prize Winners

The Kealakehe Walk to School Day on October 2nd was a complete success with 400+ students, parents and dignitaries taking part. Mayor Harry Kim, Senator Russell Kokubun, Councilmembers Curtis Tyler and Nancy Pisicchio, Police Major Harry Kubojiri with four community-policing officers, Managing Deputy Director Peter Young, and principals Jessica Yamasawa, Nancy Matsukawa, and Felicity Johnson along with vice-principal Mary Beth Hilburn were in attendance.

The mayor and the Hawaii senate declared proclamations honoring the day, and the event was live simulcast on the "Two guys in the Morning" radio show. The day celebrated the opening of Kealakehe Pathway - a bike/pedestrian corridor along a water tank easement between the four schools and many neighborhoods in the Kealakehe Ahupua`a, currently only accessible by a circuitous route along Palani Road and Queen Ka`ahumanu with no pedestrian facilities, and Kealakehe Parkway.

In the opening ceremony, Kapuna Grace Haaheo gave the pule and Larry Ursala, kumu hula gave the chant with dance. He finished his chant and led the students, dignitaries, parents, and neighbors down the pathway stopping for spontaneous chants along the way to bless the trail. About midway down the path, they met with 150 students walking up from the Villages of Lai`o`pua, the new Hawaiian Homes subdivision. Students kept streaming through the aid stations along the pathway and along Kealaka`a Street until about time for school to start. Over 700 t-shirts were given away throughout the event.

The five students named in the drawing for prizes:

1. Casey Mori, Kealakehe Intermediate, Homeroom G-2, Ms. Juan
 - A Razor scooter from B & L Bike & Sports
2. Shane Luiz, Kahakai School, Homeroom F-201, Ms. Nakamoto
 - AM/FM Walkman from PATH
3. Onalani Kanaeholo, Kealakehe Intermediate, Homeroom D-103, Ms. Clay
 - Fleece vest from L.L. Bean
4. Niki Nakamoto, Kealakehe High School, Homeroom H-203, Butler
 - Foster Grant sunglasses from PATH
5. Hookela Sanborn, Kealakehe High School, Homeroom Y-102, Mr. Packett
 - Reflective Backpack from L.L. Bean

The event was a collaborative effort of PATH, Kealakehe Neighborhood Watch, Kealakehe Parent Centers, Kealakehe Schools, Hualalai Academy, Community Policing Officers, and TREE Center.